

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE ¹

FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE

(Effective 30 July 1982)

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947 and Executive Order 12333, policies and procedures are hereby established for the monitoring, processing, and analysis of information from foreign public information media.

1. Purpose

This directive assigns responsibilities to the Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) of the Central Intelligence Agency to perform, as a service of common concern on behalf of the Intelligence Community, the monitoring, processing, and analysis of information from foreign public information media.

2. Definitions

Foreign Public Information Media includes foreign public radio and television broadcasts, foreign press services, and foreign publications.

Monitoring includes the interception, recording, and transcription of verbal and pictorial foreign media information transmitted by radio, television, and other means, or published in printed form.

Processing includes the selection and translation of materials from foreign radio and television broadcasts, press transmissions and publications; the preparation of texts, abstracts, or summaries of information from a variety of such sources; the use of special techniques to derive and analyze information available from such sources; and the publication of such information.

Analysis includes the examination of and reporting on elements of media content and behavior which are of interest to intelligence producers and policymakers.

3. Primary Responsibilities

Under the general guidance of the Director of Central Intelligence, the FBIS of the Central Intelligence Agency will perform the following services of common concern:

- a. conduct the monitoring, processing, and analysis of information from foreign public information media for the collection of foreign intelligence to meet the requirements of the Intelligence Community;
- b. coordinate this function with supplementary monitoring and media translation activities conducted by other components of the Intelligence Community to meet their individual requirements; and
- c. publish and disseminate, as appropriate, the results of such monitoring and processing.

¹ This directive supersedes DCID No. 2/4, 18 May 1976.

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4. Intelligence Community Responsibilities

Intelligence Community components:

- a. may conduct supplementary activities in monitoring, processing, and analysis to meet individual requirements, provided that the Central Intelligence Agency, FBIS, is kept apprised of such activities to prevent duplication of effort;
- b. will advise the Central Intelligence Agency, FBIS, of their information requirements; and
- c. will assist the Central Intelligence Agency, FBIS, in the monitoring of foreign public information media when, in the conduct of monitoring for other purposes, access to such information is provided and the assistance does not impair the primary purpose of such monitoring.

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